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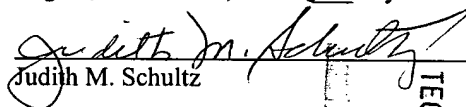
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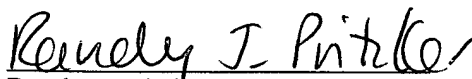
Transmitted herewith are the following documents:

- ☒ Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement
- ☒ Form PTO-1449 and References
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

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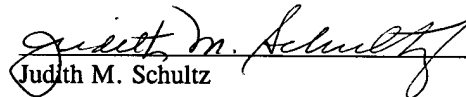
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SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO THE DUTY OF  
DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 CFR §§1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement has been filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified case.

No fee or certification is required.

PART II: Information Cited

A. [X] The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

B. [X] The Applicant hereby makes the following additional information of record in the above-identified application.

The applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending applications that may contain subject matter related to this application:

<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Title of Application</u>
60/310,971	08/08/01	METHOD AND PORTABLE APPARATUS FOR DISINFECTING WATER OR OTHER FLUIDS
60/361,527	03/04/02	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RAPIDLY STERILIZING/DISINFECTING HANDS AND GLOVES
10/107,692	03/27/02	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RAPIDLY STERILIZING IRREGULARLY-SHAPED OBJECTS

PART III: Remarks

Documents cited on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified) are enclosed unless otherwise indicated on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

By submitting this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicant makes no representation that a search has been performed, of the extent of any search performed, or that more relevant information does not exist.

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Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

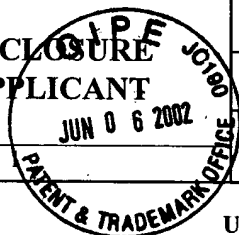
An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

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#### U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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		Number	Kind Code		
	1	4,877,964		Tanaka et al.	10-31-1989
	2	5,597,597		Newman	01-28-1997
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#### FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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#### OTHER ART — NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

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